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FOR: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE : MATERIAL FOR BATTERY, ANODE CAN FOR BATTERY, ZINC NEGATIVE PLATE FOR BATTERY, MANGANESE DRY BATTERY AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.